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COMPOSITIONS FOR REDUCING )  
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HAIR REGROWTH )

**SUBMISSION ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR**  
**CONTINUED EXAMINATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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Sir:

In connection with Applicants' Request for Continued Examination, and in response to the Official Action mailed June 17, 2003, Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks.



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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**  
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Sir:

Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the  
[ ] \$385.00 (2801) [X] \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

1. [X] A. Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified in item 2 below.  
[ ] B. Applicant(s) previously submitted the following documents for which continued examination is requested:  
[ ] Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
[ ] Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
[ ] Other: \_\_\_\_\_
2. The following documents are enclosed with this submission:  
[X] Amendment/Reply.  
[ ] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).  
[ ] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).  
[X] Petition for Extension of Time.  
[ ] Other: \_\_\_\_\_
3. [ ] Small entity status is hereby claimed.  
[X] No additional claim fee is required.  
[X] The fee is calculated below on the basis of the highest number of claims already paid for in this application prior to this submission:

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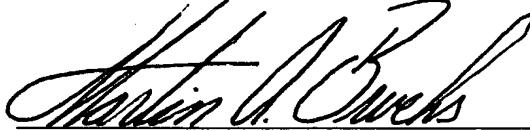
<b>C L A I M S</b>					
	<b>NO. OF CLAIMS</b>	<b>HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS THUS PAID FOR</b>	<b>EXTRA CLAIMS</b>	<b>RATE</b>	<b>FEE</b>
Basic Fee					\$770.00 (1001)
Total Claims	37	MINUS 97 =	0	× \$18.00 (1202) =	
Independent Claims	19	MINUS 37 =	0	× \$86.00 (1201) =	
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$290.00 (1203)					
Total Fee					770
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Fee					
<b>TOTAL FEE DUE</b>					<b>\$770</b>

4.  A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for the fee due.
5.  Charge \$ 770 to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
6.  Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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